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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Supplementary European Search Report issued on February 27, 2007, in connection with a counterpart European patent application. Also enclosed are copies of documents cited in this Search Report. Further enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A and B, listing the enclosed documents.

Please note that this enclosed Search Report cites Japanese Patent Document No. 10-298538. No. 10-298538 has previously been cited in connection with the above-identified application, in the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 15, 2002, and is not enclosed herewith.

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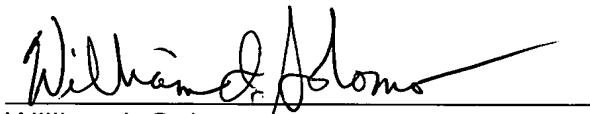
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